

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3127 - SB 3468**

February 25, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases from "\$100-\$1000" to "\$200-\$2,000" the range of the civil penalty that may be charged to a health care provider that renders excessive or inappropriate services under workers' compensation.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**MINIMAL**

Assumptions:

- According to the Departments of Labor and Workforce Development, the forfeiture of the right of payment for those services found excessive or inappropriate would be a greater monetary penalty than the civil penalty. A monetary civil penalty has not been issued by the Department at this time.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, an increase in the civil penalty will have no fiscal impact on state government.
- According to the Department of Treasury, the state is self-insured for workers' compensation coverage and has established its own utilization review system to provide appropriate and cost effective medical care. There will be no fiscal impact on the Risk Management Fund.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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